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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A memorandum was received in August 1952 from the President, Shri Saila Labour Union, Vanmukam, Katalur P.O., North Malabar, regarding retrenchment of workers in Shri Saila Industrial and Spiritual Colony Charities, Kadalur. The Government considered the memorandum together with the reports received from the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, and the Commissioner of Labour and decided that there was no case for adjudication and that the parties must be informed accordingly."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" What were the reasons given by the Labour Officer for not treating this dispute as a case fit for adjudication? Secondly, supposing workers who have put in service for a long period of time in a factory are retrenched without being paid the wages due to them under the Trade Union Act, is it not the duty of the Government to see that the retrenched workers are given unemployment allowance and the wages due under the Act? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are satisfied that the retrenchment was not made for the purpose of victimization, but that it was made for financial reasons. The Government are also satisfied that it was made *bona fide* in that the management has already taken back 14 out of 41 workers and has promised to take back more workers as and when vacancies arise."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour has stated that 14 workers were taken back by the management."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member put it in the form of a question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" These 14 workers have got only a few years' service to their credit, whereas the workers who have got more years' service to their credit have not been taken back. Is this victimization or not? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice of this question. If the hon. Gentleman writes to me making these specific charges, I shall look into the matter."

Irrigation projects in Sompeta taluk, Srikakulam district.

* 329 *Q.*—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri G. Latchanna): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long the projects of Paidigam and Hamsarali of Sompeta taluk, Srikakulam district, have been under the consideration of the Government;

(*b*) the present stage of the projects; and

(*c*) when the work on the projects is expected to commence?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The projects were first suggested in 1905.

" (*b*) The detailed investigation of the Paidigam Project has just been completed and a report on the result of the investigation is awaited from the Chief Engineer.

" The Hamsarali Sagaram Project has not been considered feasible and has therefore been dropped.

" (*c*) The Paidigam Project will be taken up for execution after sanction, when funds become available."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" శ్రీకాకుళం జిల్లా చాలాకాలంగా కరువు ప్రాంతం అని చెప్పి గుర్తించినట్లయితే, కనీసం investigation పూర్తి అయినటువంటి schemes లను అయినా త్వరలో అమలుకరపడానికి ప్రభుత్వం ప్రయత్నం చేస్తున్నదా? అక్కడ ఎంతకాలంలో జరుగుతుందో చెప్పగలరా?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have said that the Paidigam Project will be taken up for execution after sanction, when funds become available."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" The Government allotted a certain sum for the Paidigam Project in 1951–52 from the lump-sum grants under the Grow More Food Scheme. What became of that grant?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I take the information from the hon. Member. But from the information available with me, I will say this much. This was one of those schemes which were taken up for consideration under the intensive cultivation campaign. But the Government of India changed their policy. According to their new policy, unless a scheme gives a return of 2½ per cent, it cannot be taken up under the intensive cultivation campaign. Therefore, we had to give up the scheme."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" What were the estimated cost of the project and the estimated return from it?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The cost of the project is Rs. 3,20,000, and it is expected to supply water to an ayacut of about 3,500 acres."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" In cases where the Government of India are agreeable, will this Government consider the question of putting its own money so that the entire work could be taken up for execution both by this Government and the Central Government?" 3 p.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" With regard to the intensive cultivation schemes coming under this campaign, the Government of India originally promised to bear half the expenditure, but later they said they would bear only 25 per cent of the expenditure. To that extent we have to bear additional expenditure. That is the position."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question time is over. The answer to the other questions will be printed in the Proceedings."